

June 30, 2008

You have received this email to inform you about the Statewide EPSDT Performance Improvement Project (PIP) and to request your assistance in informing your mental health providers of this project. The Department of Mental Health anticipates trailer bill language in the 2008 Budget that will require Mental Health Plans (MHPs) and other stakeholders to collaborate with DMH on the implementation of a statewide PIP. The goal of the project is to increase the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery to children meeting a threshold cost in EPSDT services during State fiscal year 2008-09.

DMH is hosting three workgroups to assist with the design and implementation of the Statewide PIP. The workgroups composition will vary initially. The workgroups will be composed of DMH staff, California Mental Health Director's Association (CMHDA) staff, County MHP staff, California Institute for Mental Health staff, providers, client family members, staff from the State's External Quality Review Organization (APS HealthCare), and other interested parties.

The following DMH websites will provide background and ongoing information on the EPSDT PIP:

[http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services\\_and\\_Programs/Medi\\_Cal/EPSDT\\_Statewide\\_PIP.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services_and_Programs/Medi_Cal/EPSDT_Statewide_PIP.asp)  
[http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services\\_and\\_Programs/Medi\\_Cal/default.asp](http://www.dmh.ca.gov/Services_and_Programs/Medi_Cal/default.asp)

Additionally, the DMH is working to establish an email account so stakeholders and interested parties may submit questions about the project. This email account will be available early the week of June 30, 2008. DMH will issue additional information about accessing the account at that time.

Please pass this email on to your providers. We thank you for your assistance and will provide additional information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Rita McCabe, Chief of the Medi-Cal Mental Health and Other Health Care Benefits Branch at (916) 654-5722.